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Navy Will Return 4305 To Retirement

WASHINGTON.—The Navy has ordered a gradual return to inactive status of an estimated 4305 officers called from retirement since 1939.

Release of the officers, who for the most part have served in administrative billets ashore, will be based on age and dispensability. It was explained that the releases are one of the essential first steps to adjust personnel to current and prospective requirements and are made possible by the fact that an increasing number of younger officers now may be brought back from combat areas for duty ashore.

19 Staff Members Leave For Advanced Training

Departing last Monday evening, 19 Hospital Corps staff members left for Portsmouth, N. H., for advanced training in independent duty functions. Included in the group were 13 first class Pharmacist's Mates and 5 second class Pharmacist's Mates.



Heading the draft was CPhM H. W. Harvey, popular Assistant Chief Master-at-Arms who had been stationed here since last January. Before taking over MA duties, he had been active with the commissary department.

First class Pharmacist's Mates on the draft were: R. K. Arnold, F. L. Coombes, C. O. Faure, L. G. Hinschberger, D. A. Hoppes, M. C. Johnson, R. J. Lowe, E. W. Mohagen, C. M. Overhold, J. A. Schwager, W. E. Scott, A. C. Stevens, G. A. Treudt. Second class Pharmacist's Mates who left were P. G. Busbee, John Kessler, L. A. Seeliger, H. W. Turpin, H. F. Whedbee.

WARDS "HOB-NOB" WITH THOMAS MITCHELL FAMED MOVIE STAR



With a flourish of the pen, Thomas Mitchell autographed Ernest K. Coffin's cast in Ward 2 last Thursday. Below, he is shown as a short hand of stud was discussed.

Academy Award Winner Is More Amiable Off The Screen Than On

Scarlett O'Hara's daddy, better known as Thomas Mitchell, popular movie star, entertained the hospital last Thursday, 16 November by ambling through the wards giving all listeners his humorous version of the trials and tribulations of a motion picture actor.

Mitchell, who won the Academy Award for his performance in the movie, Stagecoach, has become one of screendom's favorites for his performances in such productions as Lost Horizon, Immortal Sergeant, The Sullivans and Woodrow Wilson. He particularly panicked one group of intense listeners with a good natured gripe that he was tired of telling everyone he was from their hometown. In short, he said, "I'm really from New Jersey, but I hope I never have to go back there."

Being on a tour of military hospitals throughout the country, Mr. Mitchell expressed considerable amazement at the vast scope of medical treatment being accomplished here. This being his first Naval hospital visited after a tour of Army medical centers, he was genuinely impressed at the Navy standard of cleanliness.

Buddy of Laughton

Best pal and bosom buddy of Mitchell is Charles Laughton, and although the two get along famously together, the rub starts when they are reminded of their remarkable resemblance. Another very good friend is Errol Flynn who was constant source of anecdotes for Mitchell's patter.

Future events on Thomas Mitchell's schedule include a broadcast on 10 December when he will play a part in the radio version of Casanova Brown.

Has Farm Near Portland

Mr. Mitchell's past boasts a total of 35 years in the theatre although he has only been in the movies for 8½ years. His love for the Great Northwest is demonstrated by the fact that he owns a huge dairy farm outside of Portland, Oregon.

Thanksgiving Menu

Cream of Tomato Soup	
Waldorf Salad	
Ripe Olives	Green Olives
Stuffed Celery	
Roast Young Turkey	
Olympia Oyster Dressing	
Giblet Gravy	Cranberry Sauce
Snowflake Potatoes	
Creamed Fresh Peas	
Fresh Lima Beans	
Fresh Spanish Corn	
Pumpkin Pie	Fruit Cake
Ice Cream	
Mixed Candy	Mixed Nuts
Cigarettes	
Coffee	

PATIENT THANKSGIVING

LIBERTY STARTS AT 1630 ...

Patient Thanksgiving liberty starts today at 1630 and expires 24 November at 0745.

Starboard watch corpsmen will rate liberty at 1300 tomorrow.

STETHOSCOPE MOVES TO NEW OFFICE

Deserting its garret up in the rafters of the Recreation Building, The Stethoscope moved last week into its new office adjacent to the library. Business can be transacted by calling in person or phoning the library until a Stethoscope phone is installed.



... There is much to be thankful for this year as the war moves toward Victory so that we may all go home again.

The Stethoscope

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FROM YOUR SKIPPER

To all hands the Commanding Officer wishes to extend his best wishes for the Thanksgiving Season. Our country has reason to voice thankfulness on this special day in 1944 designated by the President of the United States as a day on which to render thanks for blessings received. Our armed forces have been victorious in many parts of the world and while the day of Peace to the world is not yet discernible there is a radiance in the sky which evidences that Victory is assured. If for no other reason that fact in itself would be cause enough for us all to sense deep gratitude to Almighty God.

This particular season is one in which we meditatively contemplate our blessings of the past year and prayerfully seek Divine guidance for the years to come. It is a religious season and with the presence of the beautiful new Chapel on the hospital reservation it is hoped that the attendance at the various services which will be conducted on Thanksgiving Day and the following Sunday will be well attended. The hospital feels particularly blessed to have a House of Worship as an accomplished undertaking during the past year. The members of the staff of the hospital are fortunate to have two specialists of high qualifications in music to direct the singing programs. Patients and members of the staff would do well to take advantage of the training that these specialists can give them in singing and every advantage should be taken of the privilege available. The singing of the combined Catholic and Protestant Choirs at the Chapel dedicatory ceremonies was of a high order. There have been many compliments received on the musical program on that occasion.

The Chapel is now open throughout the day for congregational worship or for the single individual who wishes to use it for prayer and meditation. Floodlights are being provided so that the spire and gold cross will be illuminated throughout the darkness of the night. We may well regard the illuminated cross on the Chapel as the hospital beacon.

J. T. BOONE, Captain (MC) U. S. Navy
Medical Officer in Command.

Rent Overcharging To Be Curbed By OPA

In an all-out drive to stamp out housing, hotel and rooming house black market operations against service personnel, the rent control division, Seattle District Office of Price Administration, this week sought the help of those most directly hit by the practice—the service men themselves.

With the first stage of the program already in motion, Seattle OPA compliance officials have urged service personnel spending leave time in hotels in Seattle, Tacoma or other centers to do three things when rent is paid:

1. Note the hotel's name, room number, date, number of occupants and rate charged.
2. Check to see if rate is posted in the room and agrees with the rate charged.
3. Get a receipt. Without a receipt nothing can be done.

Information and receipts should be turned in to Ch. Pharm. Young in the Civil Readjustment office. This office will transmit the information to the OPA immediately to bring overcharging operators quickly to book.

MOTHER HOLDS SILVER STAR 'TIL HE COMES HOME . . .

Charles O'Brien of Philadelphia who is now recuperating in Ward 5 from wounds received in action, received word from his mother that she was awarded the Silver Star to keep for him.

O'Brien was recommended for the award by Lt. Perkins, USMC, on Saipan when he exposed himself to enemy machine gun and mortar fire to drag the Lieutenant, now hospitalized elsewhere, to safety on D Day plus 8. Both men received the Purple Heart.

Revamped Telephone Lounge Dedicated

Formally dedicated last Wednesday, 15 November, the completely re-decorated telephone lounge opposite Ward 5 celebrated the occasion with long distance phone calls by hospital patients.

One of the first calls in the new lounge was made by Pfc. Jake Boreale, 21, who talked to his wife in Bay St. Louis, Miss., and their 2-year-old son, Richard, whom he's never seen.

Another call was made by Captain J. T. Boone, commanding officer, who talked with his father-in-law, R. H. Koch, age 93, in Pottsville, Pa. Four generations took part in this conversation . . . Captain and Mrs. Boone, their daughter, Mrs. M. F. Heller, and her daughter, Betsy, 2½, all getting in a few words.

Medical officers, Red Cross workers, nurses, hospital corpsmen, cadet nurses and telephone company attaches took part in the dedication. Captain Boone complimented Earl R. McAtee, camp representative of the telephone company, on the splendid facilities which are provided for the patients.

In addition to 20 booths, the lounge has bedside service which has now been extended to 23 different wards in the hospital.

Chaplain's Corner

DIVINE SERVICES Hospital Chapel CATHOLIC

Chaplain.....Oliver P. Zinnen
Sunday Masses.....0630 and 0930
Weekday Mass.....0620
Confessions: Before all Masses in the Recreation Hall. Saturday afternoons from 1530 to 1700, in the Chaplain's office.

PROTESTANT

Chaplain.....W. Boyd Thrift
Lloyd A. Doty
Divine Services.....1030
Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays, 1700

Silence IS Golden

By Chaplain W. Boyd Thrift

In an America of clanking and grinding machinery we have come to associate noise with productivity. The mines and factories and mills which are daily turning out instruments of civilian and military usefulness are noisy places. Men and women have found it necessary to adjust themselves to living where noise goes on continuously around them. This is productive noise.

But there are others of us who have heard noises that are evidence of waste and destruction. The unpleasant sounds of war. Life was intensely exciting while all that racket was going on, but it's good to know that the noise has stopped. For harsh noises produce a feeling of fear, and fear, in large doses is not good for any man.

Silence, on the other hand, gives a man a feeling of confident relaxation and rest. This is why weary men seek refuge in groves, in the mountains, and in temples where there is quiet and peace. It is all very well to say that we must adjust ourselves to living in the presence of constant noise, but silence has its place, too. It is not only valuable but necessary to our physical and mental health.



FOUR GENERATIONS were represented when 2½-year-old Betsy Heller, granddaughter of Captain J. T. Boone talked via long distance to Pottsville, Pa., where her great-grandfather, R. H. Koch, was at the other end of the line. Betsy's mother, Mrs. M. F. Heller, daughter of the Boones, and Mrs. J. T. Boone looked on.



The first group of 12 Wave applicants for overseas duty was interviewed last week by the special board appointed to examine Waves requesting extra-continental duty. They are now awaiting to be called before the next committee.

Sitting on the board were: Comdr. C. R. Jensen, Comdr. J. F. Ramsay, Lt. E. T. MacCamy, Lt. (jg) D. L. Chandler, Wave Officer, and Chief Pharmacist L. Tracy.

Members of the second approving committee will be officers from the 13th naval district.

A dinner dance for service men, sponsored by The Arctic Club was attended Nov. 17 by WAVES A. Moy, V. Hodes, E. A. Reinhardt, H. M. Gilbert and M. A. Kennedy.

Wedding bells chimed last week for Mary Benner and Howard Hundley, as well as for Edith Wharton and Bill Smith. Smith, an O. R. technician, was formerly attached to the Seattle Hospital.

Some talk of Waves' wearing overseas caps swept the compound last week following appearance of an article in the Waves' national magazine, asserting that new caps would be the order eventually.

Miss Chandler pointed out that official notice of any change in uniform regulations has not been made. It will be several months, she stated, before the stores are equipped to sell the new caps, in event the order is passed for changing Wave hat style.

MUSIC LOVERS, ATTENTION!

Phonograph record concerts will be the special feature of the Library Record Room on Tuesdays from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. The programs will offer a variety of classical and semi-classical music to meet a variety of tastes. They have been arranged by Mrs. Teresa Maslow, a volunteer worker who has studied at the Juillard School of Music. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone interested.

NEW HOSPITAL CHAPEL

Joining the Seattle Naval Hospital Education Service staff recently, Marine Captain Walter D. Anderson has organized the Educational Indoctrination course sponsored by the Naval Bureau of Personnel. Captain Anderson's assignment here is the first addition of a Marine officer to the staff, and his educational program consists of courses applicable to high school credit and offers a creditation service.

The program here, which is one of seven inaugural units throughout the country to establish educational services for Marines, joins forces with the Navy Education Department headed by Lt. Brookover, Wave Officers Miss Padovan and Miss J. Williams.

Captain Anderson urges all Marines to take advantage of courses offered under the program.

Interdepartmental BASKETBALL RESULTS

MONDAY, NOV. 13

Chiefs, 34; SOQ, 16.
HCQ, 17; Pand A, 15.

WED., NOV. 14

P. & A., 30; SOQ, 12.
Commissary, 38; Chiefs, 35.

THUR., NOV. 16

Outside Detair, 38; Ed., 32.

LEADING SCORERS

BLUE LEAGUE

Starnes	3 games	72	od
Busbee	3 games	41	ed
Howell	3 games	33	ed
Thomas	3 games	26	od
Glowacki	2 games	17	ex-ray

GOLD LEAGUE

Namet	2 games	34	chiefs
Rath	2 games	27	commissary
Smith	3 games	26	P&A
Hodgens	3 games	22	chiefs
Madsen	3 games	16	P&A
Nash	2 games	15	chiefs

Hospital Defeats Bremerton Marine "Champs" 27 - 22



Hospital basketball fans got a double thrill last week as their home club beat Bremerton who displayed their comely Marinette cheer leaders.

Hundley-Benner Wed In Candlelight Ceremony

'Midst white chrysanthemums, candlelight services marked the impressive marriage of two of the hospital's staff members, Howard Hundley, PhM2c and Wave Betty Benner.

The wedding which took place at the home of the bride's aunt, was followed by a midnight buffet supper. Best Man was CPhM H. W. Harvey and Wave Irene Kohanke was bridesmaid.

Guests were: Betty Callahan, aunt of the bride, Margaret and Sally Benner, sisters of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Bing Holt, Chief and Mrs. Horner, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Doty, Mr. and Mrs. Al Jensen, Burton Steinberg, Bill Roble, Dorothy Tompkins, Harriet Holder, Eve Johnson, David Hoppes and Letha Dnea. Chaplain W. Boyd Thrift formed the marriage ceremony.

Naval Hospital's quintet won their initial game to the tune of 27-22 by defeating last year's Marine Champions of the Puget Sound Service Basketball League last Tuesday evening, Nov. 14, at Lakeside High School gym.

Close guarding by both clubs kept down the score that had the Hospital leading all the way except for the opening minutes of play. Half-time found the Hospital ahead 10 to 7 with neither team being able to hit the hoop accurately.

Weakened by the loss of most of last year's stars, the Marines displayed a brilliant offense that threatened to overtake the Hospital in the closing minutes. The threat was staved off, however, by the "ballhawking" activity of two outstanding Hospital guards, "Butch" Nash and Dale Brewster.

Leading scorer for the Hospital was Starnes, a forward, who collected 11 points while Burroughs of the Marine aggregation played aggressively to gather 10 points.

Shades of a reunion were enacted when the coach of the Marines proved to be none other than George Raines, PhM3c, who last year played and coached our Varsity team during the early part of the season.

OFFICIAL SCORING

Naval Hospital

	FG	FT	Pts.
Starnes	4	3	11
Howell	2	1	5
Patrick	2	1	5
Nash	1	0	2
Brewster	1	0	2
Johnson	1	0	2

Marines

	FG	FT	Pts.
Burroughs	4	0	10
Bennett	0	0	0
Kenney	1	0	2
Kocharan	0	1	1
Ackerman	2	0	4
Patrick	1	2	4
Johnson	0	1	1

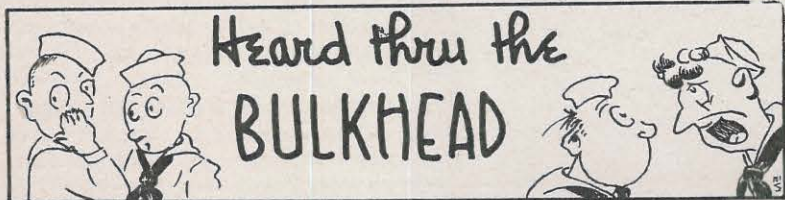


Capacity Crowd Marked Chapel Dedication



CAPACITY CROWD MARKED CHAPEL DEDICATION

From every corner of the hospital came patients and staff alike to the inaugural dedication of the newly completed Seattle Naval Hospital Chapel. The impressive ceremony commissioned the first interdenominational hospital chapel authorized for the continental United States.



Mr. EDICK: "Who the H—! put that station wagon there?"

HA2c: "The Skipper did!"

Mr. EDICK: "Just the right position."

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"Oh, doctor! I'm scared to death. This is my first operation."

"I know exactly how you feel. You're my first patient."

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By way of "Hawky Tawk" comes word that Ralph Chartier, former Pharmacy PhM1c here, made Chief on Tinian and to prove his ability, he has delivered eight Japanese babies to date.

Festivities ran rampant last week when the farewell party for our Portsmouth-bound Pharmacist's Mates uncovered a new affection between Mike Sitiko and Wave Hockenbrock. This makes Mike's third romance in two weeks which entitles him to be classified as a "lover."

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The old lady met a young man in a gorgeous new uniform.

"What rank does your uniform represent?" she asked.

"I'm a naval surgeon," he replied.

"My, my, how you young people do specialize"

New Crop of Cadet Nurses Pursue Studies



Pictured with their latest class of Cadet Nurses are Lt. H. M. Griffith, left and Lt. (jg) Ann A. Jessih, right. The cadets, who for the most part are from the East Coast, arrived October 1 and will complete their course in about four more months.

Character . . . The "Poifect" Profile

"Steinberg . . . with the fringe on top," is the manner in which his colleagues address him when on official business. He stands out 'mongst the Hospital Corps personnel with a profile that he personally compares with Barrymore. Burton Steinberg, PhM1c, musters daily as "ace MA" in charge of keeping the office clean and frequently performs his duties too zealously, to the extent that shipmates receive a free "dust-off" job.

Not to be taken lightly, Steinberg in all seriousness will accept compliments on his personal appearance, and spends all free time combing Esquire Magazine in a vain attempt to discover just what the well dressed sailor is wearing this year. Completely regulation, he never fails to admonish brother corpsmen who may stray from the narrow pathway of keeping their hats squared. To set an example, he has been rumored to have established a cash fund which will go to the first individual catching him with his hat on the back of his noggin.

Answers to the question, "What does Steinberg do for recreation?" are herein published for the first



"Poifect" Steinberg models the 1944 Sailor flat hat.

time. He collects pictures. Pictures that adorn various beverage bottles sold only by the State of Washington.

Steinberg lives at home and likes it, but he is so GI that he insists on holding inspection down in his wine cellar every night.



France—What's the latest German secret weapon?" the PW interrogator asked a 45-year-old German prisoner.

"That's us," the prisoner replied. "All men over 40."

Ads 'n Stuff

Ads n' Stuff may be mailed, phoned or brought in person to the Stethoscope office, located next to the Library, in the Recreation building. No charge is made but text should be brief and include the full name, rank or rate, and address.

FOR SALE—One pair English riding boots. Size 6. Expensively finished leather in black. See Chief Jackson in the Pharmacy.

FOR SALE—One Peacoat. Almost new. \$8.00. Contact T. J. Allen, Ward 49.

A SACRIFICE—4-string Tenor Guitar. Cash is needed. See Robert M. Ellis, Ward 21.

FOUND—Upper plates to somebody's false teeth. Owner may claim them in the Dental Lab.

"Halt, who goes there?"

"American."

"Advance and recite the second verse of 'The Star-Spangled Banner'."

"I don't know it."

"Proceed, American."

your
brain
is a
weapon . . .

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to Increase Your Navy Skills

to Get That High School or College Diploma

to Prepare for That Post-war Job

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IT'S YOUR HEAD—USE IT